

**Amendments to the claim:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

**Listing of Claims:**

Claims 9 and 22-32 have been withdrawn from consideration.

Claim 17 (currently amended) A bioactive peptide composition that enhances the growth of animals and fish consisting of a mixture of peptides having an aromatic amino acid in the N-terminal position, selected from the group consisting of tyrosine, phenylalanine and arginine, produced by enzymatic hydrolysis of a fish protein source ~~preferably from fish~~ at a pH in the range of 1-6 with pepsin ~~obtained~~ derived from fish, ~~preferably from the stomach of Atlantic cod~~ as the hydrolytic enzyme, said bioactive peptide composition consisting of less than 100 amino acid units and having a molecular weight below 10,000 k~~d~~.